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## Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 5/7/2020 Held Remotely

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### I. Call to Order

- Chair of Faculty Senate, C.C. Wharram, called the meeting to order at 10:15am
- Senators in attendance: Wharram, Holly, Barnard, Hugo, Stowell, Brantley, Gosse, White, Eckert, K. Shaw, VanGunten, Chahyadi, Periyannan
- Guests: J. Ludlow (Professor of English, Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies, UPI president), S. Kozlowski (elected senator for 20/21), N. Mulvey (elected senator for 20/21)

### II. Approval of Minutes.

- Motion (Wharram/K. Shaw); unanimously approved.
  - G. Periyannan "zooms in" [10:17am]

### III. Abridged Committee Reports

- Executive
  - Wharram: significant loss of revenue from Covid-19 and CARE ACT funds not enough to compensate since 1/2 of funds will go directly to students. A fall contingency planning committee is being set up.
  - Stowell: (administration) still considering waiving faculty activity fee for access to Lantz gym.
  - Holly: VPSA "on campus" visits concluded and committee's final report sent to President. The President will review the report, make reference calls, make a decision. Also, capital projects are moving ahead (Science Building) and being planned (HVAC Coleman, library stairs...).
  - Wharram: J. Ludlow is asking that we relay an email to the entire faculty which provides information on the extension of textbook rental through the summer for students that received incompletes in the Spring. Motion to approve using Faculty Senate email to convey that (Wharram/Brantley); unanimously approved.

### IV. Business

- Provost's Report
  - No report (Provost attending ITS executive director interview)
- Election of Senate Chair for 2020-21
  - Wharram: last meeting K. Shaw agreed to be recorder and Stowell to return as vice chair. We need to elect a chair
  - Holly: I appreciate the support I've received from senators, and have decided to serve as chair if you (senators) want/would elect me. Motion to elect Holly as chair (Wharram/Brantley); unanimously approved.
- Other Business?
  - Wharram: received a letter from J. Ludlow (written to Senator Durbin requesting support for EIU/students as result of Covid-19 crisis), with request that Faculty Senate consider signing it (or members). Makes sense for senate to be involved. Motion to accept letter and approve (Holly/Barnard).
    - Periyannan: we should send to Senator Duckworth too.
    - White: ethics of Faculty Senate approving it? We are not (representing) union.
    - Wharram: the documents originates out of the union but it doesn't read as a union document.

- Barnard: it's advocating for what we need
- Holly: seems fairly uncontroversial.
- Wharram: call for vote [Holly tallies vote]; unanimously approved.
- Periyannan: we also need to encourage faculty to write senators themselves
- Wharram: we also received a letter drafted by J. Ludlow to the President regarding recent DEN coverage of two sexual assault cases in the fall.
  - J. Ludlow explains letter (athletes were the alleged perpetrators and were allowed to keep playing. Board recommendation in one case was not followed. Call for coaches to receive 40hr sexual assault/gendered violence training...).
  - [Considerable discussion among senators and J. Ludlow]: (did the coaches/athletics have something to do with recommendations not being followed? Clarification on student standards/title IX hearing procedures. Value of training for coaches).
  - S. Gosse zooms in [11:10am]
  - Stowell: complex and not clear—need time to consider and learn more (about training coaches already receive).
  - Wharram: maybe we could get more information from VPSA Drake?
- Wharram: EIU is contingency planning for the fall. Includes figuring out how to document need and identify faculty with underlying conditions (so they can teach remotely).
  - Brantley: and not just them but household (vulnerability)
  - White: timeline?
  - Wharram: June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Gosse: asking people to divulge medical issues (privacy)?
  - Holly: seems like something that should go through department chairs.
  - Wharram: just providing information. Ideally 1000/2000 level classes face-to-face, 3000/4000 remote, if necessary.
  - Wharram: Also physical space issues (class size), expect class schedules to change too. One suggestion is to move classes a week early with expectation we will lose time mid-semester, but Registrar confirms it isn't possible. Expect interruptions. Weekend classes?
  - Hugo: logistical challenges of weekend classes
  - Gosse: regional restrictions make sense. Will restrictions be made by State?
  - Wharram: unlikely our campus will be open if others are not
  - Wharram: expecting a fair number of classes will be remote (faculty with vulnerabilities or with household members with vulnerabilities, etc...)

#### V. Adjournment

- Motion (Stowell/Barnard) to adjourn; unanimously approved. Adjourned at 12:15 PM.

#### Monday May 11, 2020

[An email exchange followed the 5/7 meeting that centered on revisions to the letter to the president (re: sexual assault). Wharram made a motion on 5/11/20 to approve these revisions. It was seconded by Barnard and approved by Faculty Senate].

#### Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

[minutes approved via email motion Holly/Stowell]

*Submitted by Senate faculty recorder, D. Holly*